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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY MICHAEL SHASKE-
VICH

REF: BELGRADE 5216 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT (EUR/EE) HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER
DATED JULY 16 FROM MICHAEL SHASKEVICH TO PRESIDENT CARTER
IN WHICH SHASKEVICH RECOUNTS ATTEMPTS TO RECEIVE TOURIST
VISA TO YUGOSLAVIA TO VISIT ILL FATHER-IN-LAW AND INDI-
CATES THAT, DESPITE EARLIER TURNDOWNS, HE HAS NOW
RECEIVED A VISA. FURTHERMORE, SHASKEVICH STATES THAT
"IF THE YUGOSLAV POLICE ARREST ME, MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE
DO NOT DO ANYTHING; LET THE YUGOSLAVS LIVE ALONE WITH
THEIR CONSCIENCE."

2. EMBASSY HAS TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO CONTACT
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SHASKEVICH BY PHONE IN CHICAGO, AND WE BELIEVE HE MAY
HAVE DEPARTED ALREADY.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT IN VIEW OF GOY'S ATTITUDE
TOWARD SHASKEVICH AND HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA--
AND DESPITE APPARENT ISSUANCE OF VISA BY SOME YUGOSLAV
CONSUL IN THE UNITED STATES -- SHASKEVICH MAY WELL RUN

INTO TROUBLE IF HE VISITS. SHASKEVICH IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO RENOUNCED YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP IN 1965. (WE HAVE A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV RENUNCIATION DECREE OF OCTOBER 4, 1965.) IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE, HE INDICATED THAT HIS FATHER-IN-LAW (NAME UNKNOWN) LIVES IN ZEMUN. CONGEN ZAGREB SHOULD HAVE IN ITS FILES CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SHASKEVICH'S 1976 VISIT. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING TO EMBASSY COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

4. WE WISH TO ALERT EMBASSY TO POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH SHASKEVICH VISIT

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